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Tommy and I discussed our personnel problem. MSA particularly has been discharging employees who had been on loan to us. Several of the dismissals are apparently based on security grounds. However, since the security reasons are never stated these actions appear in most cases unduly arbitrary. We have one secretary now given notice who has had a uniform rating of "excellent" for seven years in Government service. Her employment has suddenly been terminated but no reason stated. We think the real reason is that in her security file there is a statement made by a professor at her college some nine years ago that she advocated more rights for negroes and if there were a radical group in the college she must certainly have been associated with it. This kind of thing is certain to discourage people from entering Government service and many of the cases will have been so unjustly decided that they will impede the ability of respectable, loyal citizens to earn their living. It is almost impossible to overestimate the damage McCarthyism has done to our national morality.

Bob Thayer came to see me this morning. The Italian Secret Service had reported that a mysterious American car with CD license plates had been seen outside of a house where some high German officials were staying in Rome. We ascertained that the car belonged to Tommy and he had been calling on Hallstein and the German Delegation at the Rome Conference.

David Schoenbrun called me up this morning to express his view, which he is going to deliver in his broadcast to the United States today, that the portion of Churchill's speech at Margate on Saturday where he mentioned the choice open to the French either of ratifying the European Army or having Germany enter NATO would do great harm to EDC ratification prospects in France. Churchill's statement of the alternative was couched in vague terms in that he was not specific as to how Germany might be associated with the NATO organization since France

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would have a veto on its entry. I do not share Schoenbrun's great alarm over this speech although once again the Prime Minister lost a fine opportunity to plump solidly for ratification of EDC by France. If only he had, as was suggested in our Ambassadors' meeting at Luxembourg, clothed his remarks on the subject in his best purple prose it might have been [redacted] effective.

I talked to Bob Bowie on the telephone this afternoon, [redacted] expressing the hope [redacted] he would be able to leave Washington and come over here some time this autumn. He said [redacted] he believed he could do so.

Alec McLanahan came to see me. He is on a business trip, but hopes to spend a few days at his Chateau de Misery in Burgundy.

Major General Joseph S. Bradley, together with Colonel Kusak, called on me. Bradley has only been about three weeks in Germany and I gave him a briefing as best I could on the status of EDC. His people are already embarked on the laborious task of costing the German military contribution if and when it comes into being.

André de Staercke came to see me tonight at the house. He thinks the United States Government should seize this opportunity, while Italian gratitude is presumably fresh in connection with the Zone A-Zone B decision affecting Trieste, to press the Italian Government to move forward with EDC ratification.

He also believes we should informally find out what is really going on in Belgrade through Turkish and Greek diplomatic channels. He is especially admiring of Turkish diplomacy and has a notion that they could better ascertain than ourselves what the real reaction in Belgrade is to the recent action of the U. S. and U. K.

André talked at great length regarding [redacted] approach to President Eisenhower concerning a security guarantee to the U.S.S.R. Livy Merchant had

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sent me a memorandum on the subject this afternoon. It is a dangerous proposition at the present time, especially the provision that only EDC troops to the exclusion of all others could be stationed in Western Germany. I shall no doubt have to talk to Adenauer about this tomorrow.

De Staercke is optimistic about the prospects in Belgium for EDC ratification in early November by one chamber. He also feels definite progress was made at the Rome Conference on the Political Community. He remains optimistic over the prospects of both EDC and EPC.

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